

Companies B, C and D 322d Infantry, Second Battalion 129th Field Artillery, and Second Battalion 130th Field Artillery, both of which were under the command of the Commanding Officer 321st Infantry, after the beginning of the advance, so far as concerns the assigning of targets to be fired on.

In addition to the forces enumerated above, the 322d Infantry constituted the brigade reserve, and the 60th Field Artillery Brigade, less the two battalions above referred to, and plus the sector guns, were under the command of the 81st Division for the preparation and support of the advance.

Immediately upon receipt of the division and brigade orders for the attack, Field Orders No. 9, 321st Infantry, were prepared and dispatched by double couriers to the units of the command. This order called for an attack with the utmost vigor in the direction and with the objectives assigned by the brigade order.

During the early hours of the morning, the Second Battalion marched from Chatillon to Moranville, concentrating under the protection of the ruins of this village, this concentration being effected just before 6:00 a. m. (6 hours). At this point and time the Commanding Officer, Second Battalion, received the regimental attack order, having already received the brigade order at Chatillon.